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Letter from John P. Finley to James B. Finley

John P. Finley

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Sheffan Sept 29th 1815

My dear James, When I returned from conference I found my little boy in a bad state of health and consequently Sally in very low spirits. Since my return I have been sick but at present find myself in a state of convalescence. The little boy no better and I am somewhat afraid that his sickness will terminate in death. Lord help me to say thy mighty will be done. I have commenced here but do not intend to stay if I can better myself.

I still intend to make a trial at Steubenville if I meet with encouragement. I would have written to the friends there before now but my sickness prevented. And as I have lost the person's name given me by Bro Young and whom I intended to address I shall give the communications to them through this letter by you.

The prices of tuition will be as follows. Spelling Reading Writing \$2.50 pr quarter Arithmetic & English Grammar \$3.00 Geography Astronomy &c \$4.00 Languages \$5.00 paid quarterly.

The institution must be under the direction of men in the Methodist society and I would propose a house for the start 34 by 22 feet accommodated with a sufficient number of windows and a good six plate stove in the middle in time of cold weather. The interior part to be furnished with two writing tables to extend from end to end on each side with seats and a table at one end (or nearly) for the teacher with extra seats for those who are not advanced. Something like this would accommodate a school much better than the Academy I now teach in, for then I could have all the school under my eye. You can communicate these things and when they are properly digested you will please to communicate the results to me. One story for a house of the above dimensions I think will be sufficient. If they accede to my proposals I will be ready for them in all probability before they are ready for me. We unite in sending love to all you Hannah & Betsey Farewell
James B. Furley John P. Furley

These in great haste

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Dayton O.
Oct 4th 1857

Rev. James B. Finley
Steubenville
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